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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAMAJI, et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/437,296**

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For. **FLUID COUPLING**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 17, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003 for three months from August 23, 2003 to November 23, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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